

Montana State Constitution

SB 342 violates Article 10, Section 6, and maybe other provisions of our state constitution.

Article 2. Declaration of Rights

Section 5. Freedom of religion. The state shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

Article 5. Legislature

Section 11. Bills

(5) No appropriation shall be made for religious, charitable, industrial, educational or benevolent purposes to any private individual, private association, or private corporation not under control of the state.

Article 10. Education and Public Lands

Section 1. Educational goals and duties. The legislature shall provide a basic system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools.

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Section 6. Aid prohibited to sectarian schools.

(1) The legislature, counties, cities, towns, school districts, and public corporations shall not make any direct or indirect appropriation or payment from any public fund or monies, or any grant of lands or other property for any sectarian purpose or to aid any church, school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled in whole or in part by any church, sect, or denomination.